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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Monday, February 23, 2015

Issued: 0800 CT

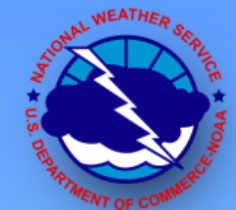
***Day 1 Hazards: Snow over northern NM and the OK/TX
Panhandles will cause travel impacts***

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Key Points



Monday

- Continued light/moderate snow for N NM into the TX/OK Panhandles and western OK with travel impacts possible
- Freezing rain/sleet expected today from northwest/north TX into northern LA and southern AR.
 - Travel impacts expected; significant power issues not expected
- North of this area, the precipitation will be mainly in the form of snow from NW TX into OK and northern AR with travel impacts expected

Tuesday – Friday

- Travel impacts expected into Tuesday morning. Temperatures will rise above freezing Region-wide by Tuesday afternoon.
- Another strong cold front moves into the southern Plains by Thursday with snow possible from NM into the TX/OK Panhandles.

*FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Feb 23, 2015 - Feb 27, 2015

DAY/ THREAT	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
Severe Storms					
Heavy Rain /Flooding					
Fire					
Cold					
Winter	TX, OK, AR, LA, NM	Morning Travel impacts possible- N TX/LA		NM, TX Panhandle, OK	NM, TX Panhandle, OK



High Threat



Moderate Threat



Slight Threat

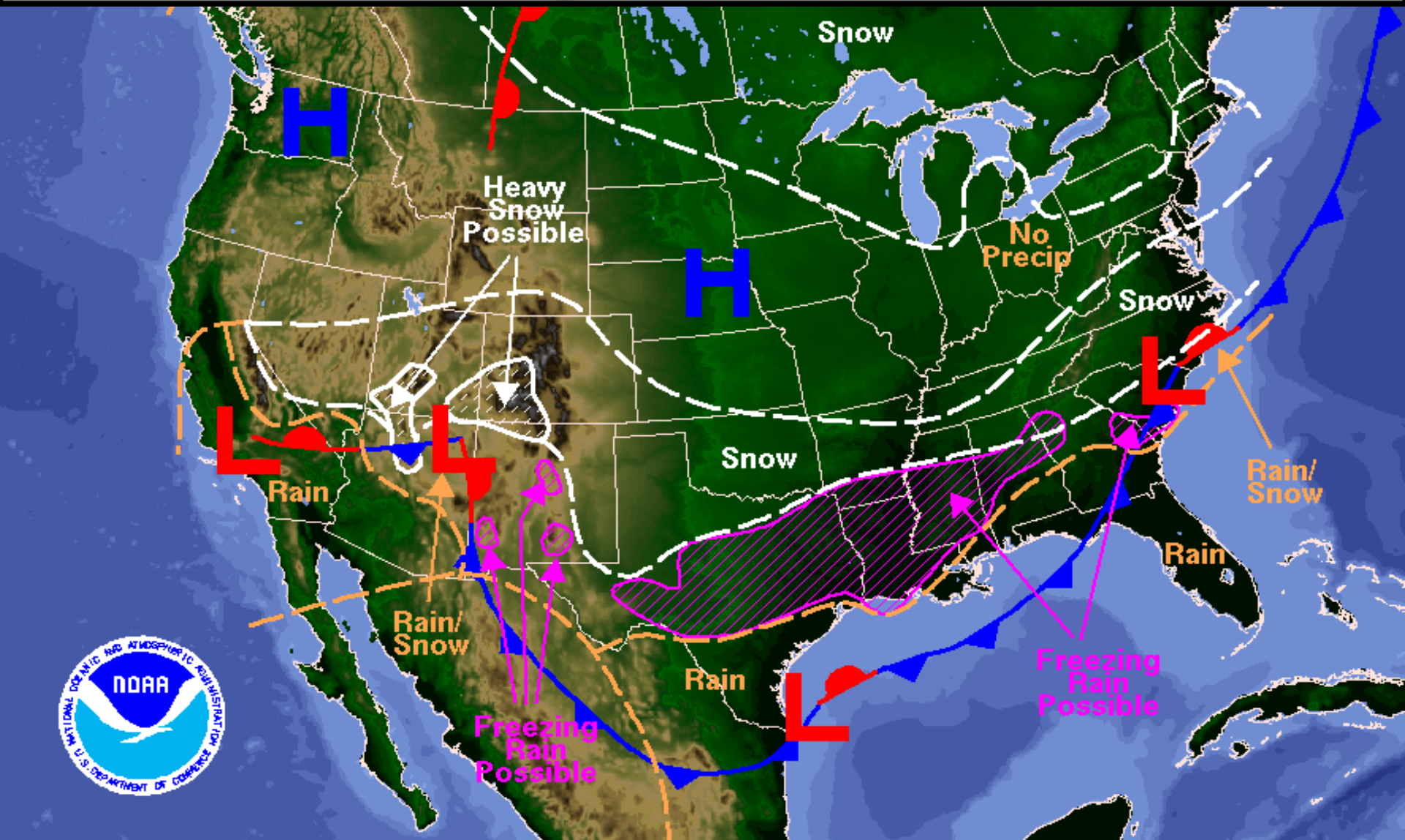


No Widespread Threat

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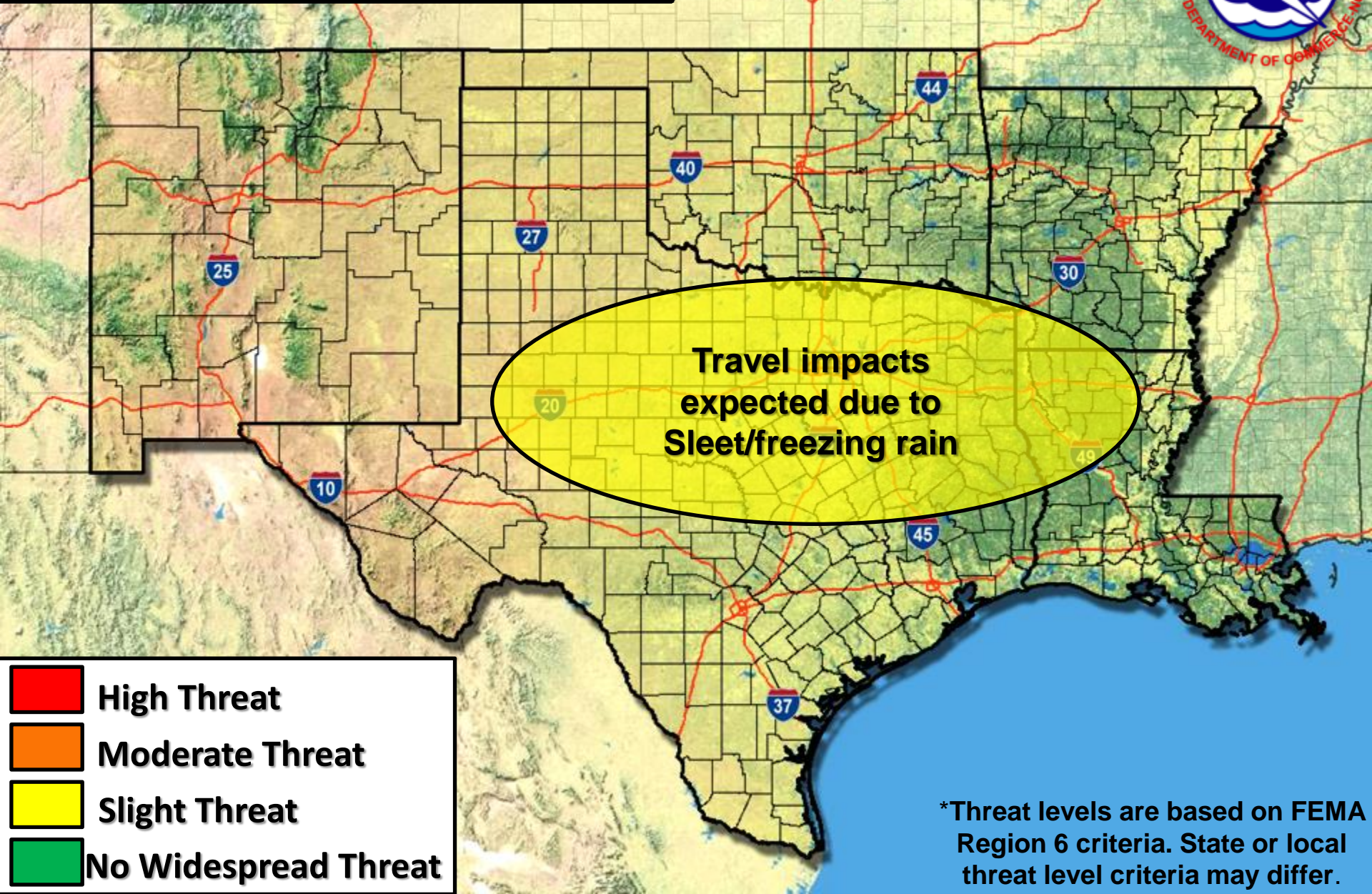
Today's Weather



Weather Forecast for Mon, Feb 23, 2015, issued 3:37 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

Day 1 Weather Hazards

Valid: 0800 Mon - 0800 Tue



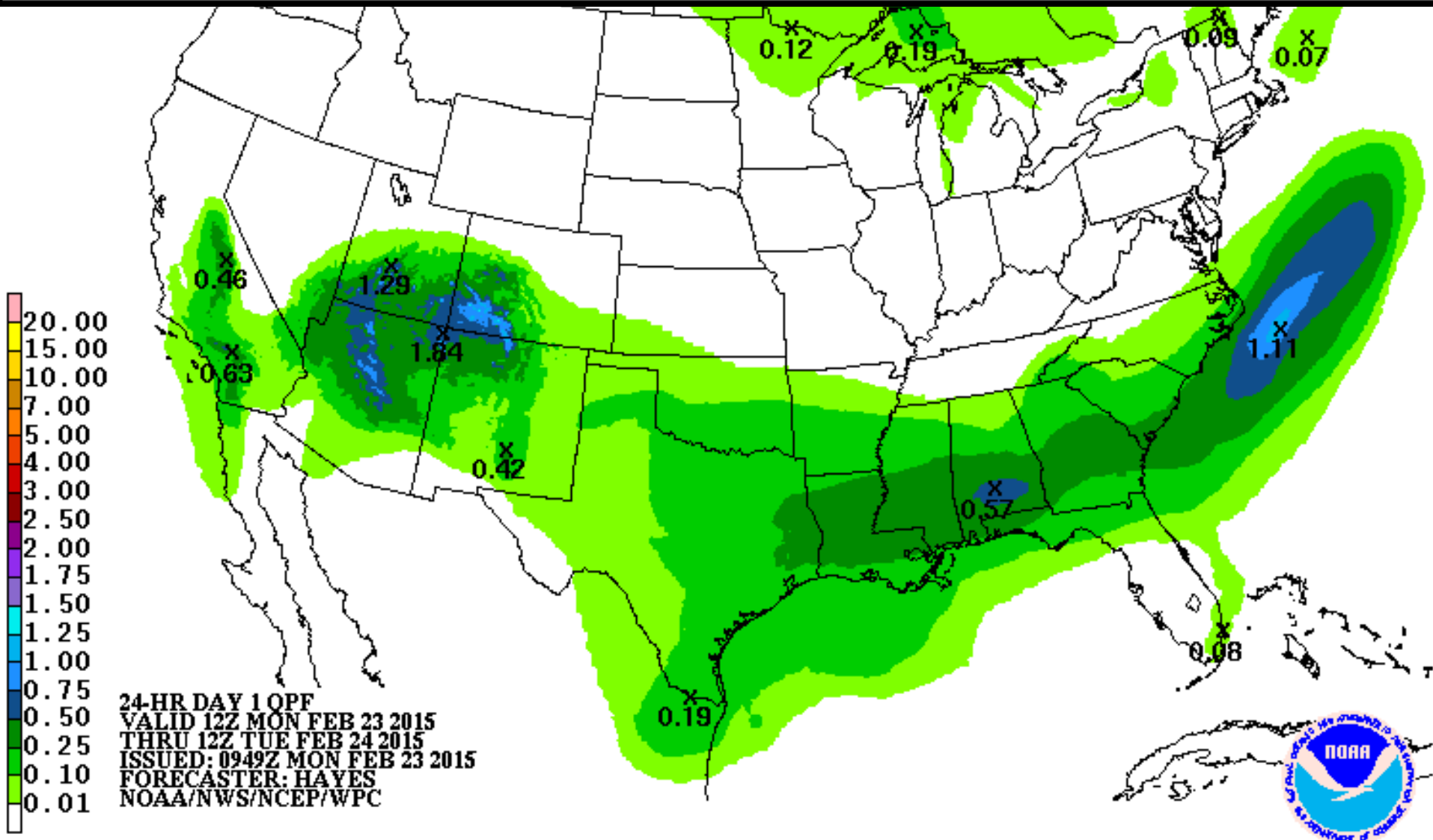
**Travel impacts
expected due to
Sleet/freezing rain**



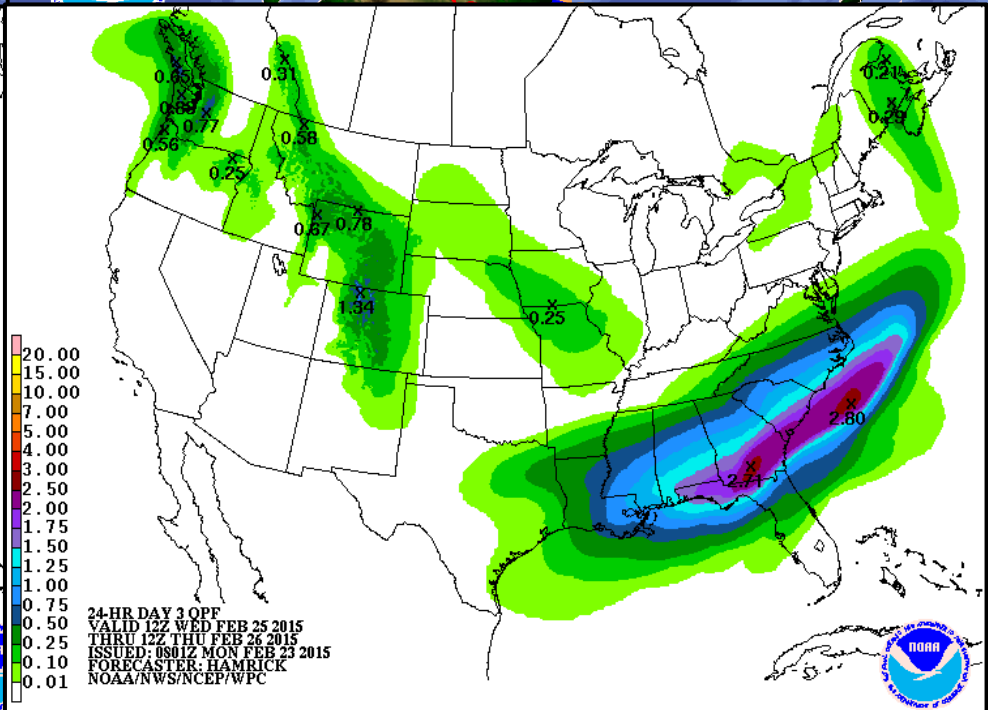
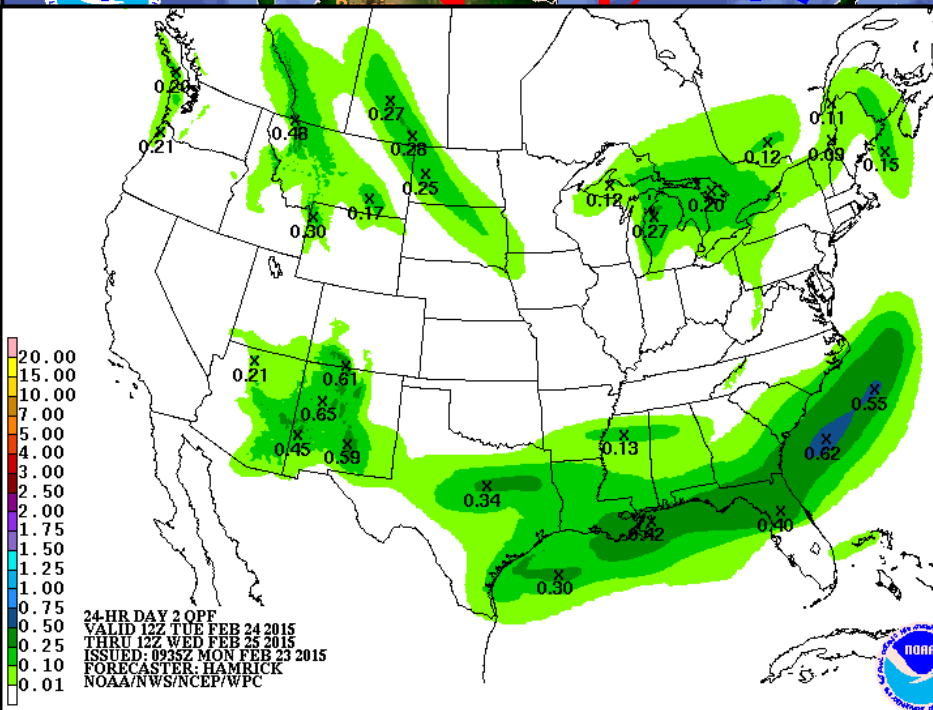
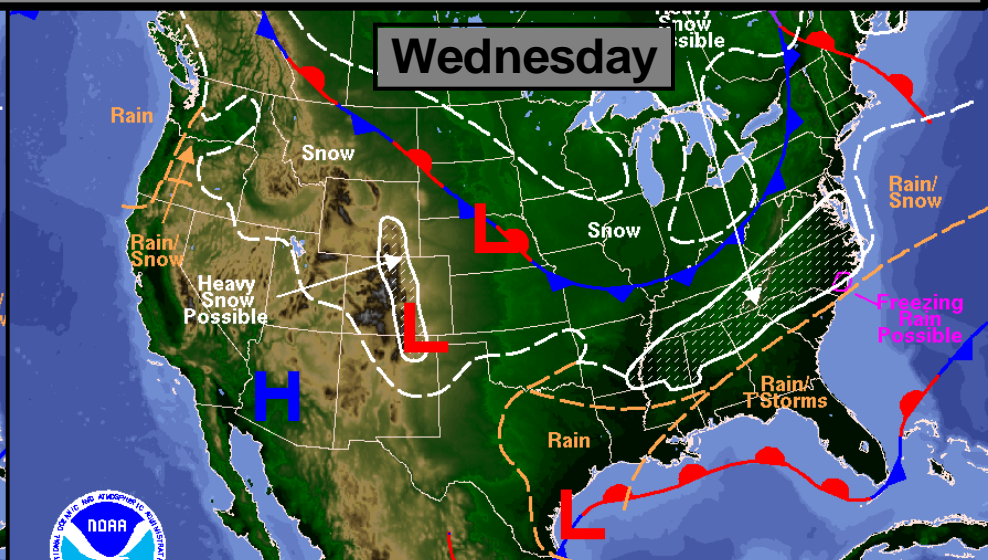
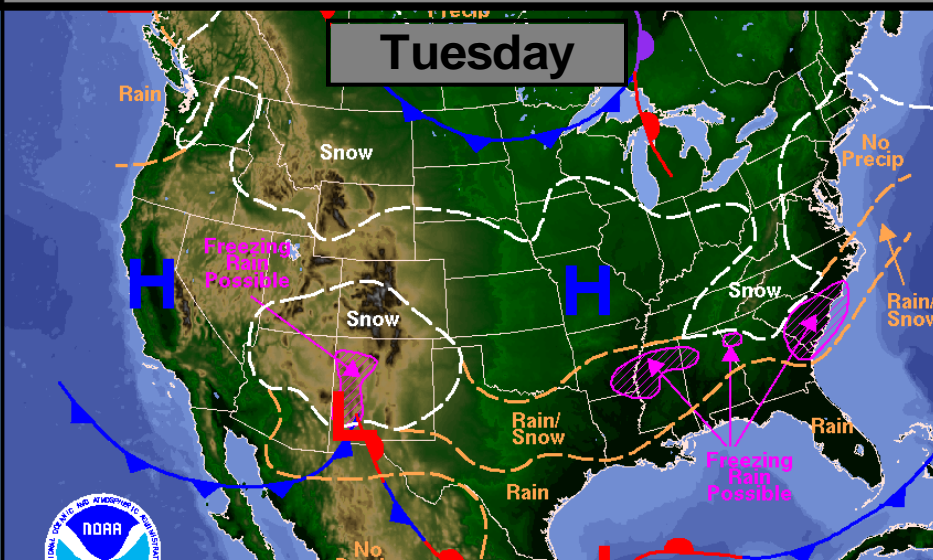
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Today's Precipitation

Mon AM - Tue AM

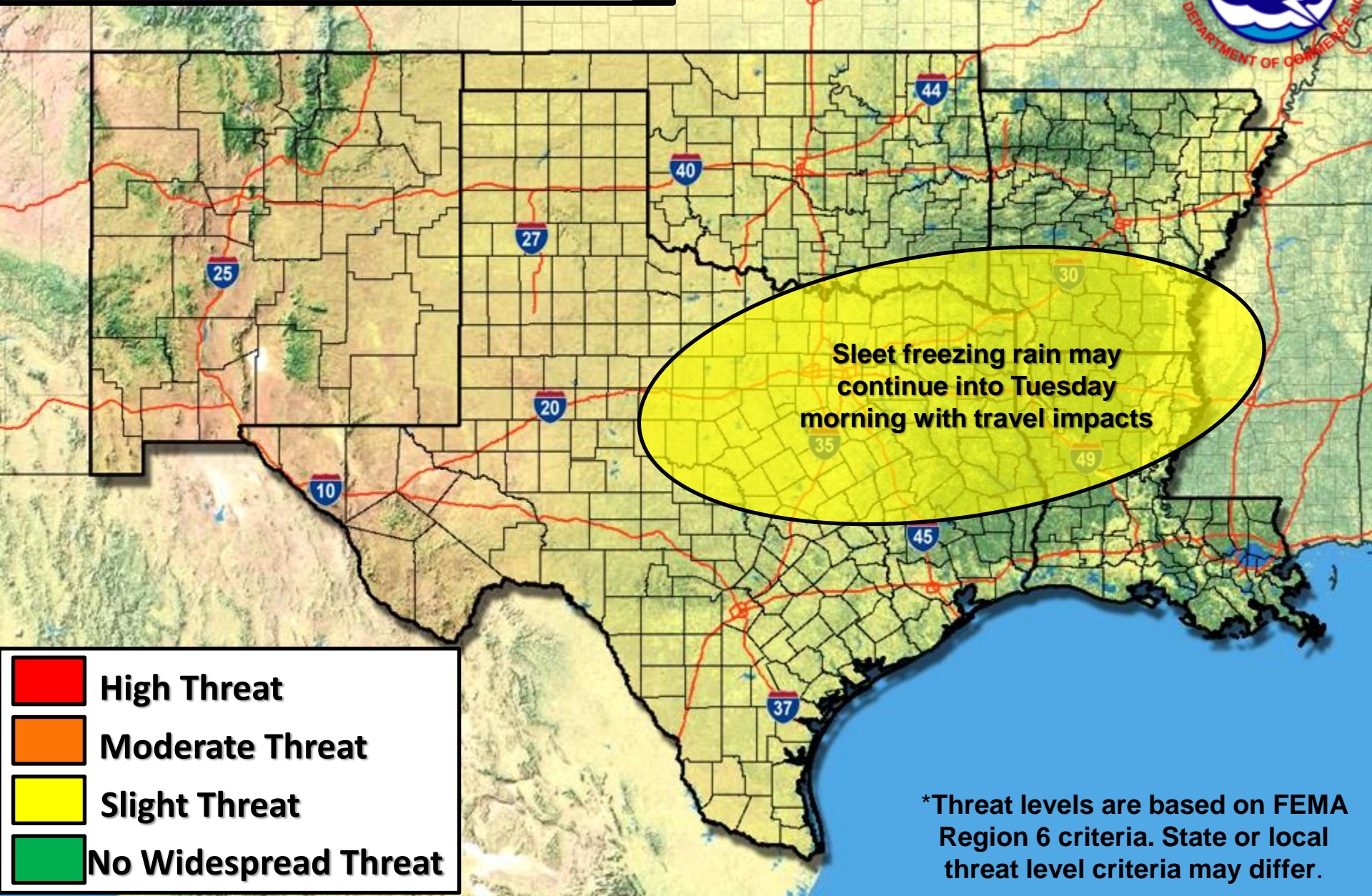


Day 2-3 Weather Maps/Precipitation



Day 2-3 Weather Hazards

Valid: 0800 Tue - 0800 Thu



Sleet freezing rain may
continue into Tuesday
morning with travel impacts



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Day 4-5 Weather Hazards

Valid: 0800 Thu - 0800 Sat



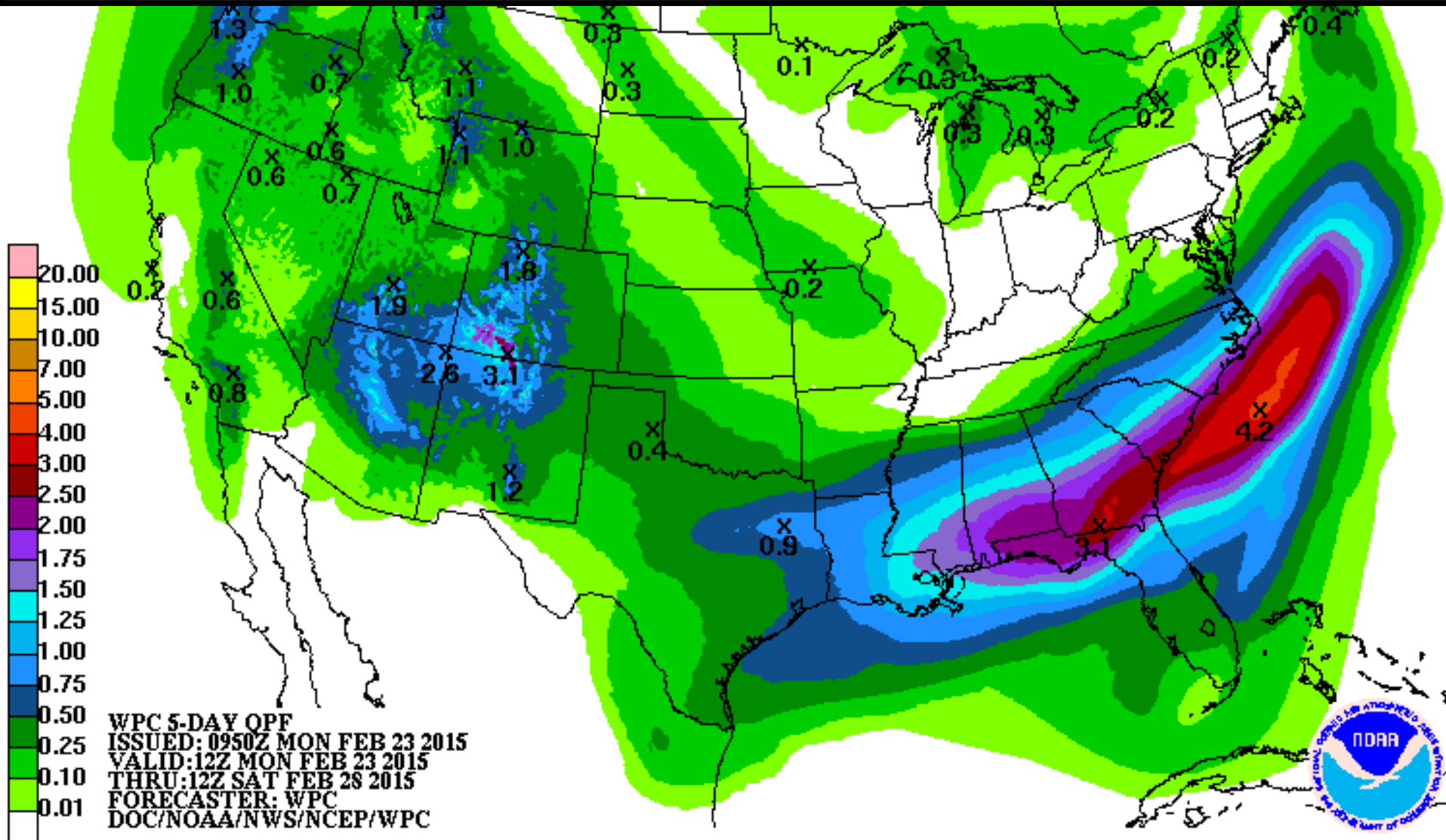
**Snow possible
Thursday/Friday as
another strong cold
front surges
southward**



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5-Day Precipitation

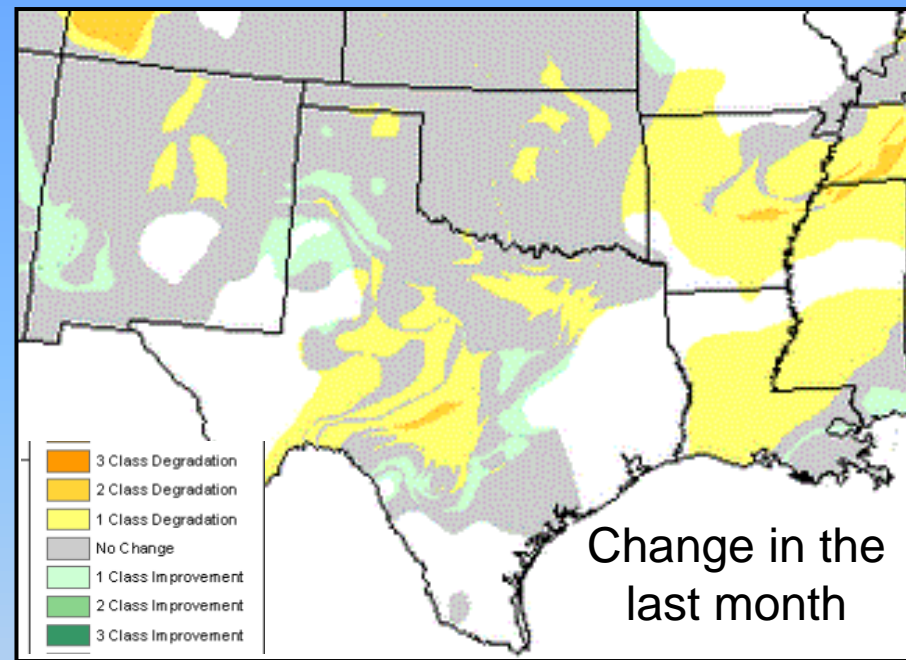
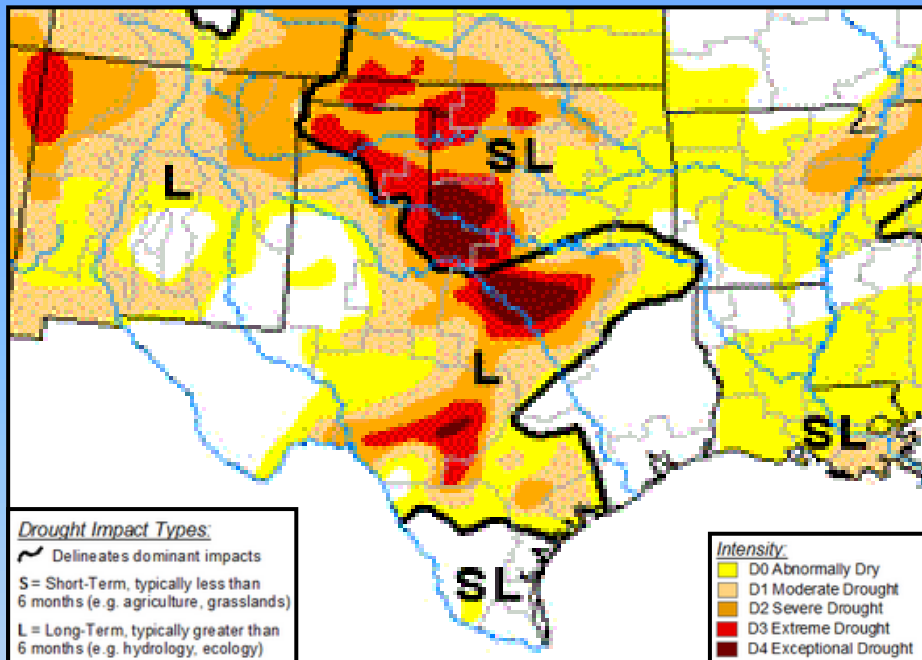
Mon AM - Sat AM





Drought Monitor Released February 12, 2015

Drought data valid through 7am ET on Tuesday, February 10, 2015



Drought Conditions (Percent Area) in D3-D4 (Extreme to Exceptional Drought)

State	Current	Last Week	3 Months Ago	1 Year Ago
Oklahoma	22.81%	22.81%	21.57%	12.53%
Texas	13.92%	13.21%	9.82%	8.54%
New Mexico	3.70%	3.70%	1.53%	14.83%
Arkansas	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Louisiana	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

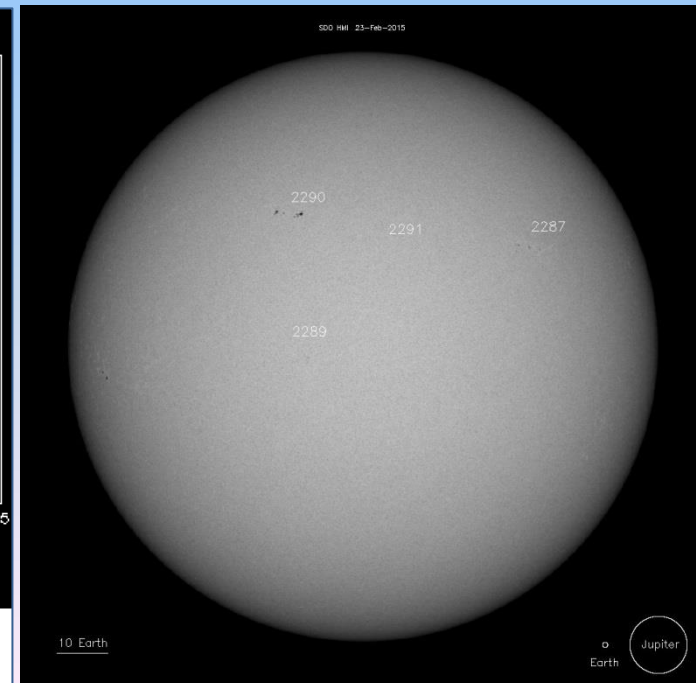
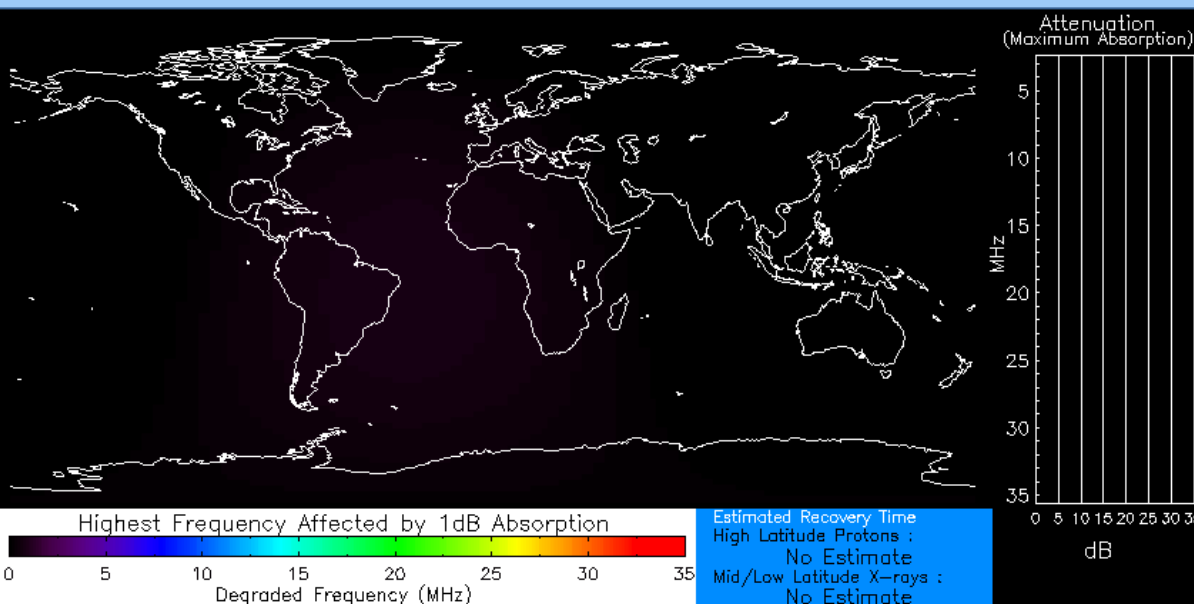
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Geomagnetic Storms	Quiet to Unsettled (Max Kp = 2)	Unsettled to Active (Max Kp = 4)	Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	1%

[Click here for a Description of the Space Weather Storm Scales](#)

[Click here for the Latest 3-Day Space Weather Forecast Text](#)



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